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EXDIS FOR LORD FROM HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH: KOREA

1. AS YOU REQUESTED, HUMMEL AND I TOOK UP TODAY WITH KOREA FOREIGN MINISTER PARK NEW ELEMENT ON KOREA SECRETARY WISHES INCLUDE IN HIS UNGA SPEECH. (MEETING HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS OUR UNGA APPROACH ON KOREA QUESTION.)

2. PRE?ICTIBLY, PARK LISTENED CAREFULLY BUT WAS NON-COMMITAL. HE PROMISED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT PARK AND GET EARLY ANSWER BACK TO ME. I STRESSED THAT WE NEEDED KOREAN REACTION SOONEST CERTAINLY BY SEPTEMBER 20 I ALSO STRESSED NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY IN OUR DISCUSSIONS ON SECRETARY'S CONCEPT. PARK PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO HAVE AN ANSWER BY MONDAY.

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3.PARK IS BY NATURE AN EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS BUREAUCRAT

WHO WOULD NOT VENTURE OPINION ON MAJOR POLICY MATTERS WITHOUT CHECKING WITH PRESIDENT PARK. THEREFORE, I WOULD NOT READ MUCH INTO HIS INITIAL NON-COMMITAL REACTION. HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE IT WILL PROBABLY BE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE KOREANS WITH AT LEAST WORKING TEXT EMBODYING WHAT SECRETARY HAS IN MIND BEFORE THEIR FINAL AGREEMENT IS

GIVEN. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO GET ME THE LATEST TEXT OF KOREA SECTION FOR USE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK WHO WILL BE IN NEW YORK.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE SOME FAVORABLE TACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE DEFERMENT OF KOREAN QUESTION. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER FIX ON THIS NEXT WEEK AND AS NECESSARY WOULD OF COURSE PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY REQUIRED CHANGES IN THRUST OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS. IN ANY EVENT, THAT WOULD NOT AFFECT INITIATIVE WHICH SECRETARY HAS UNDER STUDY SINCE THAT RELATES TO OUR BASIC POSITION, NOT UNGA TACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS. ROBINSON

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